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- 1. INFORMAL CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS HERE INDICATE

THAT UK, DUTCH AND CANADIAN DELS ARE PREPARED TO

PROCEED WITH THE DATA EXCHANGE ON THE BASIS OF THE DEC 14

FORMULATION PROPOSED BY THE EAST.

2. THE UK REP BELIEVES LONDON WILL "JUMP IN WITH BOTH

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FEET" ON THIS ONE (AS INDICATED IN LAST SENTENCE OF

PARA 2, REF B) REGARDLESS OF THE FRG POSITION.

3. THE DUTCH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES CAN ACCEPT THE

CURRENT STATEMENTS. A POSSIBLE FALLBACK MIGHT BE AN

EXCHANGE WITHOUT ANY STATEMENTS, BUT IN THE HAGUE'S VIEW THE LEAST DESIRABLE OUTCOME WOULD BE ANOTHER TEXT-TINKERING SESSION IN THE SPC.

4. OTTAWA DOES NOT FIND THE CURRENT FORMULATION

"IDEAL", BUT IN VIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST

ROUND THEY BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THE STATEMENTS CAN BE

IMPROVED. WHILE THEY WILL NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN THE

SPC, THE CANADIANS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE DEC 14

PROPOSAL IF THE OTHER ALLIES CONCUR. GLITMAN

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